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SUBJ: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 16 APRIL 1973

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1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 3 CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL APRIL 13-15, WITH 11, 15, AND 8 CONTACTS BEING REPORTED FOR THOSE THREE DAYS. THE MAJOR ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO BE AROUND THE ARVN RANGER BASE CAMP AT TON LE CHAM, WHICH REMAINS UNDER SIEGE. THE CAMP TOOK 319, 235, AND 128 ROUNDS OF MIXED ORDNANCE APRIL 13-15, WOUNDING A TOTAL OF SEVEN RANGERS. ON APRIL 13 AT 2000, THE NVA, USING LOUDSPEAKERS, TRIED TO PERSUADE THE RANGERS TO GIVE UP THE CAMP. THE NVA CLAIMED TO HAVE THE CAMP COMPLETELY SURROUNDED WITH ANTI- AIRCRAFT GUNS, AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD ATTACK ANY AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER THE AREA. THE NVA ALSO ASKED THE CAMP COMMANDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM BY RADIO BETWEEN 0900 AND 2100 APRIL 14. THE CAMP COMMANDER WILL NOT RESPOND UNLESS ORDERED TO DO SO BY MR 3 CG LTG MINH. MINH CANNOT ISSUE SUCH ORDERS UNTIL
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PRESIDENT THIEU CHANGES THE DIRECTIVE THAT FORBIDS CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY AT LEVELS LOWER THAN DIVISION. ELSEWHERE IN MR 3, FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN ALL PROVINCES EXCEPT LONG AN, GIA DINH, AND BINH TUY, WITH THE MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS BEING IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE AND ALONG INTERPROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 2 IN LONG KHANH AND PHUOC TUY PROVINCES.

2. FRIDAY MORNING THERE WAS ANOTHER PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE ICCS HEADQUARTERS IN CHOLON, AGAIN ORGANIZED BY GIA DINH PROVINCE COUNCILMAN DUC (SEE REFTEL A). IN ADDITION TO PEOPLE FROM DUC' S DISTRICT OF G VAP, AND FROM SAIGON, THERE WERE PEOPLE FROM BIEN HOA WHO HAVE RELATIVES WITH THE RANGERS AT TON LE CHAM. A PETITION WAS READ AND PRESENTED TO THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR. THE PETITION PROTESTED ALLEGED COMMUNIST CEASE- FIR VIOLATIONS, ESPECIALLY AT TON LE CHAM, AND ALSO OFFERED CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEATHS OF THE ICCS MEMBERS IN MR 1.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN MR 3 CONTINUE. LAST WEEK THE TRIANGULAR SWITCH OF DISTRICT CHIEFS IN GIA DINH PROVINCE (TAN BINH, GO VAP, AND NHA BE DISTRICTS) DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B FINALLY OCCURRED, AND THE BIEN HOA DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION WAS REPLACED. TODAY THERE IS A SWITCH OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCES CHIEFS FOR ADMINISTRATION IN GIA DINH AND SADEC PROVINCES. IT IS A BIG STEP DOWN FOR THE GIA DINH DEPUTY, WHO WAS CO- CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENT THIEU' S CAMPAIGN IN GIA DINH IN 1971. CHARGES OF GROSS CORRUPTION WERE LEVELED AT HIM, HOWEVER, AND THIS DEMOTION MIGHT BE ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE GRVN IS NOW A BIT MORE SERIOUS ABOUT ITS ANTI- CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN THAN IT WAS IN THE PAST. WALKINSHAW UNQUOTE
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